

AGENCY AT A glance

SO FAR THIS YEAR...

- 3,610 impaired drivers arrested
- 9,997 collisions investigated
- 60 fatality collisions
- 8,879 distracted drivers
- 6,967 seatbelt violations
- 36,810 aggressive driver contacts
- 106,831 excessive speed contacts
- 13,482 CMV inspections

ELECTRONIC SERVICES DIVISION

GOLD MOUNTAIN - Members of the Washington State Patrol Electronic Services Division conducted maintenance at the Gold Mountain tower in Kitsap County this week.



Chief for a Day: Wenatchee



WENATCHEE, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Chief John R. Batiste honored 5-year-old Enrique Ramirez as the WSP's honorary Chief for a Day on Thursday. Members from across the agency attended the event to provide Chief Ramirez and his fellow leaders a day they will never forget as part of the city's annual Apple Blossom Festival. See more photos on page two.

Congratulations FTA Class 23-01



NORTH BEND, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol Fire Training Academy (FTA) celebrated the graduation of Class 23-01 last week. Congratulations to the following graduates: Central Mason Fire & EMS: Alexander Antonoff; Kennebec Fire Department: Efrain Caballero, Connor Kennedy, and Aaron Mynatt; Kittitas County Fire District #7: Daniel Hinkle; Mount Vernon Fire Department: Siobhan Gallagher-Bloemer; Moses Lake Fire Department: Fallon Walls; North Mason RFA: Kyle Barker; North Whatcom Fire & Rescue: Aaron Logerstedt, Brandon May, Collin Thomas, and Dylan Witze; Portland Airport Fire & Rescue: Zach Havelind, Joseph Hedden, Justin Heidmann, and Trenton Lovell; Port Angeles Fire Department: Cory Mintz; South Pierce Fire & Rescue: Christopher Donohue, Forrest Hanson, and Mitch Holbrook; South Whidbey Fire & EMS: Peter Lund and Cooper Ullmann; Wenatchee Valley Fire Department: Andrew Gore and John Shimek. Check out the graduation ceremony on the [WSP YouTube Channel](#).

Recognizing National DNA Day, Lab Week

THANK YOU - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) has crime laboratories statewide: Marysville, Seattle, CODIS (Seattle), Tacoma, Olympia, Vancouver, and Cheney. Within those numerous labs, 175 employees including property and evidence custodians, forensic scientists, administrative assistants, and managers conduct a variety of duties including: latent prints, crime scene response, DNA, materials analysis (drug chemistry, fire debris, trace analysis, and explosives to name a few), CODIS, and firearms. We appreciate everything our teams in the various laboratories across the state do each and everyday. You each play a vital role in ensuring our mission can be completed. Thank you for everything you do!



Women in Law Enforcement Conference 2023



NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) selected eight female employees to send to the 2023 Women in Law Enforcement Conference hosted by the Tennessee Highway Patrol this week. The conference consisted of segments on resilience, leadership, mentorship, breaking down barriers, discovering what matters, navigating change, career development, and time to network with other amazing women who work in law enforcement from across the nation. More than 400 people attended the conference with women from 30 states, sharing the perspectives from more than 120 law enforcement agencies.

A day for Chief Enrique Ramirez



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Community outreach: Elementary visit



VANCOUVER, Wash. - District 5 troopers made a special visit to Minnehaha Elementary School this week. Special thank you to Trooper Glahn and Trooper S. Kesler for making the kindergarten student's day special!

Community outreach: Mock fatalities



REALITY CHECK - Troopers in District 5 and District 8 participated in mock DUI and mock fatality collision scenes to see first hand the dangers of making poor choices behind the wheel - such as choosing to drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

District 5 troopers from the Chehalis and Morton detachments participated in the Mossyrock High School mock fatality collision, while troopers from District 8's Bremerton and Shelton detachments visited North Mason High School's "Last Dance" mock DUI collision event.

Thank you to all the folks who participated to help provide young drivers this educational opportunity.



Safety talk with Kitsap students

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. - Trooper K. Weatherwax and Trooper J. Pronovost visited South Colby Pre-School this week to talk about how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency, the importance of wearing seatbelts, and other public safety topics to ensure they stay safe. Great job making this great connection in our community!



Communications officer promotes



YAKIMA, Wash. - Congratulations to Washington State Patrol (WSP) Communications Officer Mykala Iverson who promoted from a CO 1 to a CO2 earlier this month! We appreciate you for all your hard work.

Safety talk: DUI

TACOMA, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers visited Concordia Christian Academy earlier this month to talk about driving under the influence, including the cognitive and physical effects of alcohol and drugs. The students were able to use the fatal vision goggles which show wearers what its like to be impaired by distorting their vision. The students were then asked to throw balls toward large targets - they all missed by a lot! Thank you each for spending time with the community.



FEATURE PHOTO: TULIP FESTIVAL 2023

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